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Divided Senate acquits Trump

With exception of Romney, members voted along party lines on abuse of power, obstruction charges

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President Trump, who met Venezuelan opposition figure Juan Guaido Wednesday, vowed to make a statement Thursday.

By Nicholas Fandos
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — After five months of hearings, investigations, and cascading revelations about President Trump's dealings with Ukraine, a divided Senate acquitted him Wednesday of charges that he abused his power and obstructed Congress to aid his own reelection, bringing an acrimonious impeachment trial to its expected end.

In a pair of votes whose outcome was never in doubt, the Senate fell well short of the two-thirds tally that would have been needed to remove the 45th president. The verdicts came down — after three weeks of debate — almost entirely upon party lines, with every Democrat voting "guilty" on both charges and Republicans uniformly voting "not guilty" on the obstruction of Congress charge. Only one Republican, Senator Mitt Romney of Utah, broke with his party to judge Trump guilty of abuse of power.

It was the third impeachment trial of a president and the third acquittal in American history, and it ended the way it began: with Republicans and Democrats at odds. They disagreed over Trump's conduct and his fitness for office, even as some members of his own party conceded the basic allegations that undergirded the charges: that he sought to pressure Ukraine to smear his political rivals.

But in a sign of the widening partisan divide testing the country and its institutions, the verdict did not promise finality, which members of both parties conceded would come only after the November elec-

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'The president is guilty of an appalling abuse of public trust.'

SENATOR MITT ROMNEY, *who cast the sole Republican guilty vote on the charge of abuse of power. Story, A8*

Firm says Boston misuses test for exam school admission

By Meghan E. Irons and Bianca Vazquez Toness
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Boston Public Schools have for years misused the test results that help determine admissions to its coveted exam schools in a way that makes it harder for "underrepresented" students to gain entry, according to the organization that administers the controversial exam.

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As a result, the Education Records Bureau decided last spring to sever its relationship with the city's school district — its largest client — after 25 years, according to an e-mail the Globe obtained from the organization's president Tom Rochon. The e-mail was sent Tuesday to some of

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Biden rips into his Democratic rivals after disappointing Iowa performance

Warns Sanders' socialist label will hurt party, calls Buttigieg inexperienced

By Victoria McGrane
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DERRY, N.H. — Since he got in the 2020 presidential race, Joe Biden and his supporters have cloaked the former vice president in the mantle of electability, arguing that his appeal to Black voters and disaffected Rust Belt Democrats alike uniquely positioned him to defeat President Trump.

That image, which had withstood weak debate performances and other gaffes, started showing foundational cracks this week with his subpar showing in the Iowa caucuses. Biden responded by ripping into two of his top rivals on the trail Wednes-

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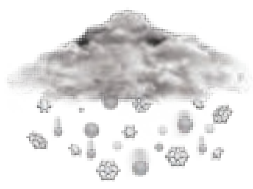
Joe Biden greeted supporters on Wednesday in Somersworth, N.H.



Come to full slop

Thursday: Sleet yields to rain. High 41-46, low 36-41.

Friday: Rain continues. High 44-49, low 21-26.

High tide: 8:26, 9:07.

Sunrise: 6:53. Sunset: 5:04.

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Kirk Douglas died. The throwback movie star and patriarch of a famed Hollywood family was 103. **C12.**

Fans absorbed the news that Mookie Betts was no longer in a Sox uniform, **B1.** Tara Sullivan questioned where the team goes from here. **C1.**

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With push from Iowa, Buttigieg seeks unity

By Laura Krantz
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CONCORD, N.H. — There are a lot of reasons why voters might think former South Bend, Ind., mayor Pete Buttigieg is unelectable as president: He's barely old enough (just 38), has never held state or national office, he's gay, and his support among Black voters in polls is virtually zero.

But now he's got one big reason to argue he is electable: his strong showing in the Iowa caucuses.

"More than anything, I think it's going to make it possible for us to get a second look from a lot of voters who have always said, 'Yeah I like your ideas, but we need to make sure we win,'" Buttigieg said in an interview with the Globe on Wednesday.

"To show, not just tell, that we are building the orga-

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What each candidate needs to do in N.H.

By James Pindell
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MANCHESTER, N.H. — The results in Iowa are *still* coming in. But New Hampshire voters, and the candidates seeking their support, have largely moved on, focused on the nation's first primary on Tuesday, and the potentially unstoppable momentum it will give the victor.

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Right now, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont leads and is on track to win in New Hampshire, if narrowly. But six days is a political eternity, and each of the 10 major candidates on the ballot have a unique mountain to climb if they are to succeed.

We charted their paths — wide, narrow, or nonexistent — to still being a viable candidate after Tuesday, based on interviews with local and

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